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**THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES  
OF  
THE COLVILLE RESERVATION  
History/Archaeology Program**

April 28, 2008

Victoria Rutson  
Chief  
Section of Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W. – Room 504  
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Kettle Falls International Railroad, Danville to Sanpoil Abandonment Exemption  
(H/A#08.0045:U08-049)

Dear Ms. Rutson:

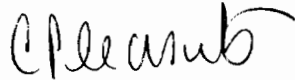
We have recently received a document from your office regarding the Kettle Falls International Railway, LLC abandonment exemption.

Please be advised that this undertaking lies within the traditional territory of the Okanogan, Colville, and Lakes tribes, three of the twelve tribes that make up the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation [Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT)], which is governed by the Colville Business Council (CBC). The CBC has delegated to the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) the responsibility of representing the CCT with regard to cultural resources management issues throughout the traditional territories of all of the constituent tribes under Resolution 1996-29. This area includes most of eastern Washington, southern British Columbia, northeastern Oregon, and the Palus (Palouse) territory in Idaho. In addition, the THPO has assumed all of the responsibilities of a state historic preservation office within the exterior boundaries of the Colville Reservation and associated parcels of trust land that lay outside the current reservation boundaries, as outlined in Section 101 (d) (2) of the National Historic Preservation Act.

As to date, we have no record of the Surface Transportation Board initiating Section 106 consultation with the Colville Confederated Tribes regarding this project. This concerns us as the Kettle Falls International Railroad line crosses the boundaries of many Indian allotments, traditional cultural properties (TCPs), and archaeological sites. Prior to the continuation of this project, we ask that you provide documentation of consultation with the CCT, or initiate consultation with a description of the project, maps of the area of potential effects, and plans for identification and protection of cultural resources.

Thank you for acknowledging our status as an affected tribe. Should you have any questions about this letter, you may contact me at the number listed below. Technical questions may be addressed to Jon Meyer, the Tribal Archaeologist, at (509) 634-2691.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Cpleasants'.

Camille Pleasants  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

cc: File (JM)  
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